Welcome to Spectrum

The different colors of the rainbow and the spectrum of colors produced by a prism show us that light exists in an infinite number of shades. Each color has a special wavelength, frequency, and energy. Can’t we say the same about us? Let’s celebrate our differences as we work together to accomplish our goals for a peaceful, productive year at Monroe Township Middle School.

Sir Isaac Newton first used a prism to see color in 1672, but he knew that others came before him to help pave the way for his discoveries. He humbly wrote,

“ If I have seen further than others, it is by standing upon the shoulders of giants.”

Through teamwork, we, too can see further and achieve greatness.

Sincerely,

The Teachers of Team Spectrum

Dates to Remember

Summer 2019
Team Spectrum Materials List

ALL classes require:
- (2) 3” binders (For AM and PM classes)
- (2) packs of pocket dividers for subject division (ELA, Math, Science, etc.)
- (4) packs of alternate style dividers to use within each subject area (notes, handouts, etc.)
- (3) packs of college ruled loose leaf paper with reinforcements
- (2) pencil cases with holes to place one in each binder
- Several black/ blue ink pens AND multi-colored editing pens (including red)
- Pencils/ erasers
- Multi-colored highlighters
- Colored pencils
- Reinforcements
- (4) packs of 3x5 index cards
- White Out

Math 8
- (1) pack graph paper
- Scientific calculator (TI30–XS MultiView)

Algebra I
- (1) 5 subject notebook (no binders)
- (1) pack graph paper
- Scientific calculator (TI-83 or TI-84 Plus preferred)

Geometry
- 1– subject college ruled spiral notebook
- (1) pack graph paper
- (1) two-pocket folder
- Compass and protractor
- *Recommended Scientific calculator (TI-30XS Multiview)

English Language Arts
- (2) composition notebooks (not spiral)
- Post-it notes
- Page Protectors
- 6 rolls of scotch tape

World Language
- (1) two-pocket folder

During the first days of school, teachers will provide instruction in class as to how the binders and all other materials are to be set up.

Summer Math Packets

For all math classes, students will be required to complete a summer packet, which highlights the skills necessary to move to the next grade level. In these packets are skills that students should have mastered by the end of their previous year. The packet will be **due during the first week of school**. Students are required to complete these packets to the best of their ability. **Packet copies and resources are available on Monroe’s school website** under the ‘Math Department’ folder as well as various math websites listed on the district website. Please be advised that once student work is turned in, they will have the opportunity to review and ask questions to their teacher before a diagnostic assessment is given. This assessment will be used by teachers to gain valuable information regarding instruction.

Summer Reading

To promote reading, we invite students to read books of their choice by authors they love. Both quantity and quality of reading are important. Students should read a volume of text, and also engage actively with their reading. This means exercising the habits of a good reader: asking questions, marking the text, keeping post-it notes, maintaining a reading log or reader’s notebook, reading and writing reviews of books, having favorite books and authors, reading books in a series, having reading routines, and talking about books. Students should come in class in September ready to engage in learning activities that will utilize the various books read over the summer.